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Fire destroys in a few hours the product of years.

A short trip from Steamboat Springs by either horseback or buggy may be taken to the summit of the Continental Divide where Buffalo Pass is situated, at an elevation of 11,000 feet. Here is located the Buffalo Pass Ranger Station, which was built by the Forest Service to shelter travelers in the winter time and to protect the rangers on duty throughout the summer months who are engaged on the fire patrol of this section. If you make your trip with a saddle horse, you may follow the Government drift fence for a distance of five miles, reaching the summit of Storm Mountain from which you can look almost directly down on the town of Steamboat Springs and across to the Elkhead Mountains and if you are equipped with a good glass you will be able to get a distant view of the Uinta Basin in the State of Utah.

In all these mountains bear, deer, elk, mountain sheep, and grouse are found, and most of the streams afford splendid trout fishing.

Please assist the Forest Service and the State of Colorado in protecting game by not burning up their shelter through leaving your camp fire unextinguished; and leave the condition of your camp so that it will not pollute the streams which have been stocked for your pleasure, at great expense and under trying circumstances by the Government and State.

Tell your friends how to protect the forest from fire.

If you desire to make other interesting trips, please make inquiry of the first Forest officer you meet. He will take pleasure in describing the various routes of scenic interest within his district.

SYNOPSIS OF GAME AND FISH SEASONS IN COLORADO AS AMENDED BY THE 19TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Season closed on deer until 1918.  
**Open seasons as follows:**  
Prairie chickens, mountain and willow grouse, August 15 to October 10.  
Sage chickens, August 1 to September 1.  
Ducks, geese, brants, swans, cranes, plovers, and other wading, marsh, and shore birds and water fowls, September 1 to April 20 the following year.  
Curlews and yellow-legged snipes, August 1 to April 20.  
Doves, August 15 to August 31.  
No open season on pheasants and other grouse not indigenous to this State.  
The open season in streams for trout and grayling, not less than seven inches in length, May 25 to October 31; in *lakes* at an altitude not to exceed 7,500 feet, May 1 to October 31, and in *lakes* at an altitude of over 7,500 feet, June 1 to October 31.

The open season for whitefish, October 1 to May 1 the following year.

No open season for bass, catfish, or wall-eyed pike. A combination hunting and fishing license required for residents, fee \$1, but no fishing license required for female persons, or male persons under sixteen years of age.

Any resident holding a hunting license for the year 1913 will be allowed to fish during the current year without taking out any further license.

Non-resident and non-citizen general hunting license, \$10; fishing license, \$2, except for persons under twelve years of age.

**Penalties.**—For dynamiting or using other explosives, or poisonous or stupefying substance, killing buffalo, elk, deer, mountain sheep, or antelope, fine \$100 to \$500, or by imprisonment in county jail not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Other violations, fine \$25 to \$250, or jail sentence of not less than ten days and not over three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

These amendments do not take effect until ninety days after legislature adjourns.

JAMES A. SHINN,  
Commissioner.

Denver, March 28, 1913.

REMEMBER

The National Forests are the great recreation grounds of the Nation. They also contain immense amounts of valuable timber needed for the development of the country.

Damage to the Forests means loss to you as well as to thousands of others.

- Be careful with fire
- Don't pollute the streams
- Leave your camp site clean

The National Forests belong to the people. Don't impair the value of your own property by damaging it.

This folder tells you about the recreation features of the Routt National Forest. The map shows you the roads, trails, camp sites, and other things you want to know.

For abstract of State game laws see page 8.

MAP OF ROUTT NATIONAL FOREST AND DIRECTIONS TO HUNTERS AND CAMPERS

Some of these fires were started through someone leaving his camp fire burning when he thought it would do no damage. The United States Government is striving by every possible means to reduce this loss and to save the remaining timber from destruction by fire. Remember that a fire is never safe until it is completely extinguished. Do not pollute the streams or leave your camping ground in a filthy condition; some other person may want to camp at that

Within this Forest are between 2 and 3 billion feet of living merchantable timber in addition to thousands of acres of reproduction. The cash value of the merchantable timber represents millions of dollars of public property in which you have an interest. You can add to the value of this property and assist in making it more attractive by leaving your camps clean. As you pass through the Forest you will notice the remnants of many magnificent stands of timber, monuments to the careless handling of camp fires.

This folder and map is issued for those who contemplate traveling through the Routt National Forest for purposes of recreation.

The Government is annually spending thousands of dollars to protect the timber and scenic beauty of the mountains within this Forest. You are privileged to use the camping places; welcome to all the wood you can use for camp fires and to fish the streams in the mountains in accordance with the game laws of Colorado. Do not build camp fires near down logs or trees. The Forest officers know all the roads and trails and camping places. They can give you information that will help to make your trip through the Forest more pleasant. You will do well to call at the stations, register your name and address, and state where you plan to go. The rangers ride through the Forest continuously, and if you should need help on account of sickness or accident, or if your friends should desire to reach you in case of emergency, the ranger can tell them where to find you, if you leave your route of travel with him.

Do not build a large fire for a small purpose. Campers' registers are kept at the headquarters of the Forest Supervisor, the Forest Rangers, and with the State Fire Wardens.

Forests are permitted.

Lakes Luna, Margaret, and Elbert (18 miles north-east of Steamboat Springs by wagon road and pack trail) furnish splendid fishing. These lakes are entirely surrounded by magnificent forests of spruce with occasional parks all the way; leaving the lakes on an easy grade you may return to Steamboat Springs along the Continental Divide from which a splendid panoramic view of all the North Peak region on the east and the Bear River valley to the west is obtained. Should you desire to extend your request.

Some of the beautiful trips in and throughout the Routt National Forest are described here; Forest officers whom you meet will tell you of others upon request.

In case of fire call the nearest Forest Ranger, or the Forest Supervisor, at his expense.

The headquarters of the Forest Supervisor in charge of the Routt National Forest are at Steamboat Springs.

Assist in protecting the Forest from fire by observing instructions on fire posters along the trails and add to the convenience of other travelers by not mutilating trail or fire notices.

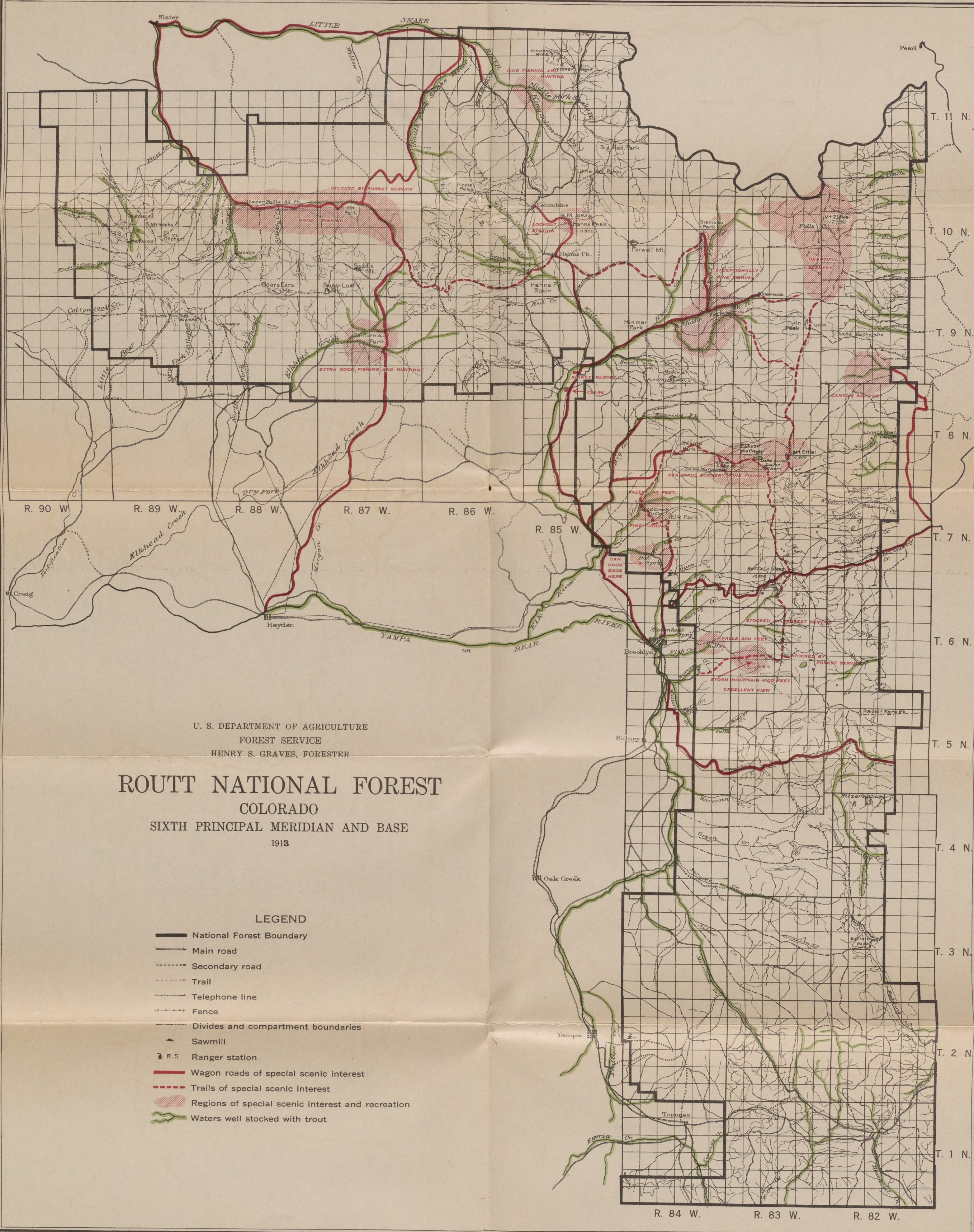
Signs are posted at intervals along the trails by direction to ranger stations, camping places, and settlements.

There is no country in Colorado presenting a more rugged appearance than this. On your return trip you will follow down the middle fork of Elk River and pass the Slavonia Mining Camp and reach the little settlement of Clark, on the main stage road from Steamboat Springs to Hahn's Peak. Hahn's Peak is one of the oldest settlements in these mountains. Hydraulic mining has been conducted at this place for many years. Directly north of the town arises Hahn's Peak itself, the summit of which is hundreds of feet above timber line and upon its summit is located the Forest Service Lookout Station, which is reached by a good trail suitable for horseback or pack travel. The trip from Hahn's Peak to junction of the three forks of the Snake River, from which point you may proceed down along the stream to the towns of Slater, Colo., and Dixon and Baggs, Wyo., or you may turn back and follow the stage route to Columbine and Hahn's Peak and return to Steamboat Springs and complete a most interesting circle.

If you should return to Hahn's Peak you can easily reach California Park, famous as a hunting and fishing ground, by way of the Government trail across the Elkhead Mountains to the north of Sand Mountain. The distance from Hahn's Peak to California Park is 10 miles over the trail, which is open to horseback travel. From California Park many side trips can be taken to numerous deposits of anthracite, bituminous, and lignite coal beds. To the north from California Park, a distance of six miles by wagon road, is found Slater Park, a large and beautiful mountain park, which affords pasturage for hundreds of fine beef cattle. From Slater Park you have a choice of two routes, one down Slater Creek past the magnificent Slater Falls which have an abrupt fall of nearly 50 feet and below which splendid trout fishing is found; one north to the headwaters of the South Fork of Snake River and down that stream to the junction of the three forks of the Snake River, from which point you may proceed down along the stream to the towns of Slater, Colo., and Dixon and Baggs, Wyo., or you may turn back and follow the stage route to Columbine and Hahn's Peak and return to Steamboat Springs and complete a most interesting circle.

station shelters a watchman who is on continuous duty throughout the fire season. The cabin is built of stone and concrete, as no other form of structure would withstand the heavy winds and terrific storms which occur with frequency at that altitude.





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# ROUTT NATIONAL FOREST

COLORADO  
SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN AND BASE  
1913

## LEGEND

- National Forest Boundary
- Main road
- Secondary road
- Trail
- Telephone line
- Fence
- Divides and compartment boundaries
- Sawmill
- R. S. Ranger station
- Wagon roads of special scenic interest
- Trails of special scenic interest
- Regions of special scenic interest and recreation
- Waters well stocked with trout